

Application Submission Requirements

Any application not in compliance with the following requirements will be *disqualified* and therefore not forwarded for review:

1. The application **RECEIPT** deadline is 5:00 p.m. central time, February 19, 2004. **All application materials** must be received by that **RECEIPT** deadline. **The only exception to this requirement is:** application materials shipped via special service (e.g., an overnight courier service) with a *guaranteed, scheduled delivery date on or before February 19* will be accepted even if they are received after the deadline.
2. **All components** of the application must be received by the stated deadline. **This includes the photograph for your essay, as well as the information from your school.** Even if your school sends the transcript and Secondary School Report separately from the rest of the application package you mailed, it is you, the candidate, who is responsible for ensuring that your school submits their materials on time. **Candidates who have submitted their applications on time but whose schools have missed the deadline must be disqualified.**
3. If you or your school chooses to submit **any part** of your application through the mail, you are strongly encouraged to use a courier mail service (such as FedEx or UPS) with a *guaranteed* delivery date. **The receipt deadline as described above will be strictly enforced.**
4. The applicant **may not submit additional pages or supplemental materials** of any kind (e.g., extra pages for the essays, student resume/list of activities, letter(s) of recommendation, slides, etc.).

Please note that any supplemental materials about the applicant the school might attach to the Secondary School Report will not be forwarded for review with the application, but the application will not be disqualified from the competition.
5. Do not alter any aspect of this application (e.g., amount of space provided for responses). **Applications that have been altered in any way will be disqualified.**
6. To be eligible, the applicant must receive his or her diploma between January 1, 2004, and August 31, 2004.
7. To be eligible, the applicant must have U.S. citizenship by February 19, 2004.